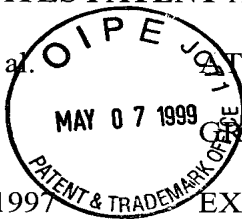


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AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 2-4 as follows:

2. (Once Amended) A [cereal product] pet kibble according to claim [1] ~~21~~ in which the gelatinized matrix is an extrusion cooked starch source.

3. (Once Amended) A [cereal product] pet kibble according to claim [1] ~~21~~ in which the coating [or filling] comprises a carrier substrate which contains the probiotic micro-organism.

4. (Once Amended) A [cereal product] pet kibble according to claim 3 in which the carrier substrate is at least one carrier chosen from the group consisting of a fat, a protein digest, milk solids, a sugar [or] and a particulate flavoring agent.

Please cancel Claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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